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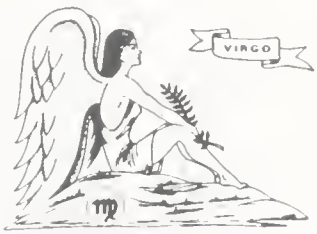
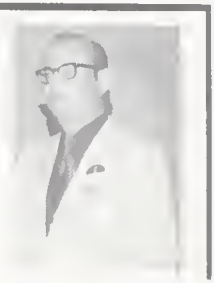


Our feature story in October will be about the Texas Renaissance Festival, a coin hammer and the Festival medal.

1st REMEMBER The of October is the dead line for the November issue

LLOYD C. COLVIN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Heavy rains and the flood that followed almost prevented this message to appear in TNA NEWS. Having spent much time watching the water inch toward my house, I decided it was time to sand bag. My back yard had turned into a small lake and was inching toward my door. The rains stopped, and after reaching the sidewalk to the door, the water began to recede. We were fortunate - many others were not!

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July found my mail box with more letters from members than I had received in a long time. Thanks! Some will be discussed at the semi-annual TNA board meeting in Austin later this month.

Although final figures are not in, it appears that the recent TNA convention in Fort Worth was a resounding financial success. Have heard so many nice remarks about the fine hospitality at Fort Worth. We are now looking forward to next year's convention in Corpus Christi.

We need more junior members in TNA. Maybe our governors could put forth a little extra effort and add a few names in each district. Let's try!

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Our coin market seems to be blooming again and dealers have wider smiles nowadays. Let's hope our inflation rate comes down further along with interest rates. Maybe then our economy will begin to really hum again.

CANADA TO ISSUE FRACTIONAL GOLD

Contributing to the highly successful marketing program of Canada's Gold Maple Leaf bullion coin are factors such as the widespread popularity of gold, the portability of gold coins, aesthetic factors and the easily perceived tangible value of gold, explained Thomas McKaig of the Royal Canadian Mint during a talk at the recent Gold Institute's Symposium.

McKaig noted that individual investors tend to buy gold coins when the price is low, and in order to meet this demand and encourage first time purchasers of gold coins, this fall the Royal Canadian Mint will issue "fractional gold bullion coins" in addition to its one troy ounce gold Maple Leaf. One coin will contain 1/10 troy ounce of pure gold and have a face value of $5 and the remaining fractional gold coin will have 1/4 troy ounce of .999 fine gold with a face value of $10.

(The interesting historical background of the short-lived Iturbide Empire of Mexico is continued from last month. - Editor)

THE MEXICAN EMPIRE OF DON AUGUSTIN DE ITURBIDE 1822-1823

By Miguel L. Munoz, NLG
Mexico City, Mexico

In view of these developments, the situation at the capital was confusing and things were brewing. On July 5, 1821 a group of army officers compelled Viceroy Apodaca to resign his office. Mariscal de Campo - field marshall - don Francisco Novella remained as head of the local government. In Spain Fernando VII and the Cortes de Cadiz appointed Don Juan de O'Donoju as new Viceroy. He landed at Veracruz and issued a proclamation as Viceroy. He also invited Iturbide for a conference. They both met at the town of Cordoba, Ver.

Iturbide explained the situation to the Viceroy and they reached an agreement, signed on Aug. 24 known as the TRATADO DE CORDOBA - Cordoba Treaty - similar to the "Plan de Iguala." They also agreed that O'Donoju would take over from Mariscal Novella and then Iturbide would move into the capital. So, on Sept. 26 Don Juan de O'Donoju - the last Viceroy - made his official entry to Mexico City and was given a very friendly and warm reception. Next day, Sept. 27, 1821 - Iturbide's birthday - the commander of the Army of the Three Guarantees, Don Agustin de Iturbide, nding a very spirited chesnut colored horse headed his 16,000 men and marched from Chapultepec Park to the Viceregal Palace. Everywhere there was music, flowers, firecrackers, guns, cheers, bells from all the churches and everywhere the green, white and red flag decorating the buildings, houses and streets of the City of Mexico.

Iturbide was met by the City Council and was presented the keys to the city. After that, he rode to the Palace where O'Donoju was waiting for him and they both watched the parade. After it was over they walked across the plaza, followed by their retinue, to the Cathedral to celebrate the end of the strife with a TE DEUM LAUDAMUS - a religious ceremony. Peace and Liberty at long last!

That day the name of "Nueva Espana" became history and our country was given a new name: MEXICO. Mexico was now an independent country; entirely free from Spain, except from Veracruz, the last stronghold of the Spanish troops that eventually capitulated. The struggle for independence had lasted 11 years and 11 days.

As a token of gratitude to the army a medal was struck. This medal, is, beyond doubt the first medal struck by Mexico as an independent country. Engraved by Jose Guerrero, it is known in copper and has a 49mm module.

The obverse shows rings on the upper part standing for "Religion, Liberty and Union." The two hemispheres with broken chains stand for the European and American continents. On the reverse is "Primera Epoca" which was awarded to those who swore allegiance to the Plan de Iguala.

The "Segunda Epoca" was given to those who joined later on. There are two other variations known: one in silver with Latin inscriptions and another in copper, quite different.

Next day, Sept. 28, the "Acta de Independencia" was signed by 18 senior citizens - Iturbide among them. O'Donoju was not able to sign due to illness. He died of pleuresy Oct. 8, 13 days after his arrival to Mexico City. It was agreed by all concerned that they would offer the Mexican crown to Fernando VII. In case he would not accept it, to another member of the Spanish royal family as they wanted an "all-ready-made" monarch.

In the meantime the country was going to be governed by three bodies: the JUNTRA PROVISIONAL DE COBIERN until congress could be formed; a REGENCIA - Regency - formed by five gentlemen with Iturbide as president. The other four were Don Juan O'Donoju, Don Manuel de la Barcena, Don Juan Isidro Yanez, Don Manuel Velazquez de Leon. Later, Don Antonio Joaquin Perez, Bishop of Pueblo, substitued O'Donoju. Justice would be carried as heretofore by already established courts.

To the south of Mexico proper there were two Capitanias, Yucatan and Guatemala which included all Central America up to Panama. In some instances they had been subjected to the Viceroyalty of New Spain. In 1821 these two Capitanias also declared their independence. They joined Mexico and by so doing, won their liberty without any strife or bloody war. A most exceptional thing in history; especially so in Latin America. After the fall of Iturbide the Capitania of Guatemala formed the Republica de Centro America which later on split into the five Central American Republics that we know today. However, the Capitanias of Yucatan and Chiapas - a part of Capitania of Guatemala - have remained part of Mexico since then.

As mementos of this important historical episode, there are four small proclamation medals or celebratory pieces. They are about one real size, 21mm module. They were struck by Chiapas, Quezaltenango, Guatemala City and Leon Nicaragua. The four pieces were, very likely, struck at the Mexico City mint and engraved by Guerrero. Quetzaltenango's and Guatemala's have the same die for the obverse.

On Feb. 1, 1822 Congress voted, as a gift to the Liberator, one million pesos and a land grant in Texas of 20 leagues - about 50 miles - square. Iturbide did not accept it and neither of these grants was made a reality.

Iturbide proposed the creation of the Order of Guadalupe. This was approved on Feb. 20. This decoration was to be awarded to persons; military, civil or ecclessiastical for meritorious services to the nation or to the nation services to the nation or to the cause of independence. The organization of this order was as follows:

1 - one only - Gran Maestre - Iturbide was elected Gran Maestre

50 - limited - Grandes Cruces - Title of Courtesy Excelencia

100 - limited - Caballeros de Numero - Title of Courtesy

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COIN PHOTOGRAPHY - Part I

Colin Tuttle,
Oklahoma City, Okla

Probably every collector at one time or another has had the desire to photograph an item from his or her collection, whether for a slide show coin talk, or for insurance on a special coin. And in these cases a photograph can be better than bringing the actual coin.

However, photography, and especially something so specialized as coin photography has a kind of veil of mystery around it. Many people believe that it takes special expensive equipment, and years of expertise to get quality results.

This series of articles was designed as a primer for the collector who would like to learn coin photography without spending a fortune in the process, or taking up a new hobby to learn.

The first, and most expensive piece of equipment needed is, of course, the camera. It need not be the most advanced-super-automatic, with all the features, model. For best results, though it should be a 35mm camera with through-the-lens metering and viewfinder. All this means is that when you look through the viewfinder, you see exactly what the lens sees. Most 35mm cameras made in the last few years meet this requirement.

There are many types of lenses suitable for coin photography. Probably when you got your 35mm camera it came with a 50mm or 55mm lens. This is an all-purpose lens, which can also be used to yield excellent results in coin photography.

However, this lens by itself will not get in as close to the coin as you want, so something will have to be done to make a small item like a coin fill up the screen of the viewfinder.

The most inexpensive way to get around this problem is to purchase what are known as "close up rings" or "close up lenses." When you go out to purchase these you should bring your camera along so as to get the correct size for your camera and lens.

Basically the way the close-up lenses work is they attach to the end of your camera's lens, and in effect magnify the image to your camera.

They are very simple to use, and are relatively inexpensive. There are many manufacturers who make these lenses, and sell for around $20 and up for a set of three (1x, 2x, 4x). They can then be placed on the lens, either singularly, or in any combination to get the desired magnification-up to 7x when they are all placed on together.

This isn't the only way to photograph coins. You can also purchase what are called "extension tubes," special metal tubes which are attached between the lens and the camera body. The tubes give you the same effect as the close up rings. The major advantage of the tubes over the rings is that you get better results if you make a very, very large print - if, for example you are trying to show just the counterstamp on a coin. The results are a little better, as you are not using additional optics which

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THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman,
San Antonio, Tx.

CONSTANTIUS CHLORUS - HE FOUNDED THE CONSTANTINIAN LINE

History extols Constantine the Great. It points out that he was the first Roman Christian emperor, and that he had rebuilt Byzantium and the city was renamed Constantinople in his honor. Could he have inherited these traits from his parents? What about his parents? Who were they?

Well, his mother was Helena, and his father was Constantius Chlorus, and there is a stranger-than-fiction story about them.

Helena was born about 248 A.D. in Bithynia (now part of Turkey) of humble parentage. History says she worked as a servant in an inn when she was a young woman. How she became the wife of the nobleman, Chlorus, is unknown. In those days, the nobles did not marry servants. "Of course," so the story says, "she was his mistress before marriage." Nevertheless, Helena was the mother and Constantius Chlorus the father of Constantine. Helena, after Chlorus divorced her, became the Empress Dowager when Constantine became emperor. In 326 A.D. at 78 years of age, Helena went on a pilgrimage of penitence to the Holy Land. She caused two churches to be built. One was the original Church of the Nativity (on the site of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem), and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, where the tomb of Christ was being venerated. She was elevated to sainthood, and her earthly journey ended in her death in 328 A.D. St. Helena is buried in Nicomedia (Turkey).

As for Constantius, known as Constatius Chlorus, he was born around 250 A.D. as Flavius Valerius Constantius. He was a Dardanian nobleman. Since he resembled Diocletian, Constantius was chosen by Diocletian to be a Caesar, a title given to a Crown Prince or Junior Emperor. Maximianus, Diocletian's co-emperor, adopted Constantius; made him a general; gave him the government of Gaul to administer, and gave him the rank of Caesar in 293 A.D. In order to keep in the good graces of Maximianus, Constantius divorced his first wife, Helena (the mother of Constantine the Great), and married Theodora, the step-daughter of Maximianus.

Maximianus was advised that one of his generals, Carausius, had been proclaimed Emperor by his troops. By 287 A.D., Carausius had sailed to Britain; defeated the armies of the governor, and had taken over the province. Maximianus repeatedly tried to recover the territory, without success. Carausius got carried away with success, and decided to add on to his territory by taking over part of Gaul.

In 293 A.D., Constantius took over the fight against the usurper Carausius. He attacked Boulogne, the main stronghold of Arausius on the mainland, and captured the city. Carausius backtracked and retreated to Britain, where his second-in-command and chief minister, Allectus, murdered

him and took over as Emperor of the Britain Roman Empire.

Now, Allectus just didn't have the ability of Carausius, and when Constantius invaded Britain in 296 A.D., he had no difficulty in recovering the province.

Co-emperors Diocletian and Maximianus both abdicated on May 1, 305 A.D. (because of ill health), and Constantius became Emperor of the Roman Empire in the west.

Learning that the Picts of Scotland planned to invade Britain, Constantius I prepared to repel and conquer them. He proclaimed his son, Constantine, to be his successor as emperor in the west during the campaign.

On July 25, 306 A.D., Constantius Chlorus died at Eboracum (now York, England) after repelling the Picts.

As I have done in the past, I have to have the coin before I can write the story. I purchased an unidentified bronze Roman coin recently. Soaking the crud, etc., in olive oil removed enough of the dirt and other stuff from the coin for me to make out parts of lettering. I finally identified the coin by the lettering on the obverse: FL. VAL. CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES (Flavius Valerius Constantius, Noble Caesar). The lettering indicates that this coin was issued between 293 and 305 A.D., as Constantius did not become Augustus until 305 A.D. The coin has a radiated and draped bust, facing right.

The reverse side has three lines within a laurel wreath. The lettering shows: VOT X LG, meaning "Vowing peace for Ten Years" with the coin being struck at the Lugunum mint (Lyons, France). It commemorates vows for ten years of peace undertaken by Constantius. The coin is a bronze Follis, and a Post-Reform Radiate. It is similar to SEAR 3579. In 1974, Sear indicated a value of 15 pounds in very fine condition (which was $36 in U.S. at that time). The coin is one issued after the Diocletian monetary reforms became law of the land. Radiated refers to the type of crown depicted, as in this case, indicating the crown was adorned with rays.

When Constantine was emperor, he had 14 mints producing his coins. His gold aureus, which are scarce and worth in excess of $6,000, are not found in many collections. David Sear lists a silver argenteus being minted, but shows it to be UNIQUE. Bronze follis are hard to locate in VF or better grades. Their values range from $60 to $100 in VF. Bronze post-reform radiated comage is easier to locate with prices around $36.

As Caesar, a gold aureus was struck and is worth from $3,600 to $5,000. Silver argenteus coins were issued and have a value from $360 to $600 in VF. Pre-reform bronze antoninianus range from $45 to $325, while post-reform bronze follis average from $35 to $60. Post-reform radiates will sell for $25 to $40 in VF condition.

Commemorative comage was struck after his death. Most of these coins were struck by Constantine the Great and have the letters DIVO on them, indicating that the emperor was deceased. These bronze follis and half follis are valued at $30 to $100. Other comage was issued while Constantius was a Caesar. These were minted at Alexandria, Egypt, and are tetradrachm

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THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

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EDITOR

If you're driving across Montague county in north Texas, you may be riding on portions of two highways paved with gold! In 1936, when U.S. Highways 81 and 287 were being built, construction workers noticed that the sand being used to mix the concrete glistened. When a sample was sent to a Fort Worth laboratory to be assayed, it was found to contain 54¢ worth of gold per ton of ore. Recovering the gold was not feasible so $37,000 worth of it - all imbedded in the sand - became a part of 39 miles of highway.

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From 1885 to 1952, the Presidio Mine near Shafter, produced most of the 33 million troy ounces of silver in Texas. And more than a million pounds of copper have been dug out of the Hazel Mine in Culberson County. Some gold has been mined in Texas, but not much. Another precious metal, uranium, has been found in Karnes County and other counties along the Coastal Plains.

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And a 16-pound lump of nearly pure gold valued at about $90,000 was unearthed by miners in the Northern Amazon region in Brazil. Sources said that it was the largest single chunk of the precious metal ever discovered in Brazil. It has been turned over to the nation's Central Bank..

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When Jackie Cooper was a well-known kid star, many executives felt it would be politic of them to give him presents at various occasions. Some gave him $5, $10 or $20 gold pieces. He accumulated a lot of the coins and his mother thought they were safely stowed in a chest at the foot of his bed, but they weren't. In Cooper's book, "Please Don't Shoot My Dog," an autobiography, he said, "I has a tree house, and those glittering coins were great playthings up in the tree house - pirate gold or cowboy poker chips or whatever. That's all they meant to me. They were toys!"

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If you're living on a pension, the only way you can survive is to eliminate a few things each month - like the last 19 days. and when the people of the United States decided to band together to form a more perfect union nobody figured the dues would be so high.

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from the 2nd vice president

Texas Numismatic Association
Gerald W. Kendall
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During this month two of you have taken the time to drop me a line and express your feelings and to relate some future plans of the clubs in your area. This month saw a letter from Sgt. M.L. Johnson, Dist. I, and Dr. Robert E. Greenwood, Dist. IV. Many thanks. Sgt. Johnson has a program which includes plans for the juniors but I shall let him unveil it at the Austin show as it is his plan and not mine.

One plan that the Greater Houston Coin Club has put into operation is the including of a junior on the program committee. I have found that many juniors and new members as well are in need of programs that are designed to inform on a level which many of us passed several years ago. A junior thinks on his level.

The greatest problem seems to be the one of gaining interest from the standpoint of the junior. In many instances the son or daughter of the well-known numismatic personality does not share the enthusiasm of the parent. The question is, why? I have not been able to come up with a good answer. Perhaps some of you can supply the answer and can offer a working solution as well. The only thing I am sure that I know is we must attract and hold the younger people or we will follow the path of the dinosaur.

AMON CARTER SERVICES HELD IN FORT WORTH

Funeral services were held July 26 for Amon G. Carter Jr., a businessman, newspaper publisher and civic leader in Fort Worth.

Carter, 62, publisher and board chairman of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, had a heart attack Saturday, July 24, while driving to Dallas Love Field to catch a private plane for Horseshoe Bay, a Marble Falls resort where he planned a weekend of golf.

At his death Carter was a director of American Airlines, which his father Amon G. Carter, helped found, and of the Texas Rangers baseball team. He was also executive board chairman of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, and a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Amon Carter Museum of Western Art when he died. He was a longtime member of the Texas Numismatic Association and in the past had displayed his coin rarities at TNA conventions.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Eleanor Kennady
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WELCOME to new members 4213-4246. It approved the following will become members Oct. 1, 1982.

4256 (D-9) Sonny Watson, Box 296, Ralls, TX 79357 Coins, some tokens. Gerald Kendall.

4257 H. Paul Schrock, Box 156, Arcola, IL 61910 U.S. coins. John C. Face

4258 (D-6) Carl E. Marshall, 6206 Abington Way, Houston, TX U.S. coins Gerald Kendall

4259 (D-1) A.J. Quinn, Box 98, Morgan Mill TX 76465. U.S. coins. Morris Johnson.

4260 (D-3) Billy P. Masters, Box 42, Mullin TX 76864 Dealer. Mac Kennady

4261 (D-13) Emmett B. Robinson, Jr., 1304 Emma Dr. Iowa Park, TX 76367 U.S. half cents, large cents, type. Logan Essex

4262 (D-13) Leo Halford, Box 629, Electra, TX 76360 Logan Essex

4263 (D-13) John Van Dunk, 4806 Marsha, Wichita Falls, TX 76302 Unc. coins. Logan Essex

4264 (D-6) G.T. Gregory, 2615 Creekshadow, Sugarland, TX 77479 Gerald Kendall.

4265 (D-6) Douglas Stiles, 4311 Oneida, Pasadena, TX 77504 U.S. type & U.S. currency Bill Mark.

4266 (D-8) Thomas A. Jasek, 1602 E. Johnston, Kingsville, TX 78363 Mexican & overdate coins. Joe B. Davis.

4267 (D-6) Aubrey G. Shoemake, P.O. Drawer 1489, Spring, TX 77373 Silver dollars Kent Saunders.

DECEASED

938 (D-5) Nathan Lacher, Dallas Texas.

VIP AWARD

Second Vice President - Gerald Kendall, Houston, TX

Governor Dist. 13 - Logan Essex, Wichita Falls, TX

CORRECTION

4216 (D-1) **Gary Swaim**, Box 7690, Fort Worth, TX, 76111

Jersey issued a square-shaped coin in gold with a denomination of 1 pound. The year 1981 was the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Jersey which Jersey celebrated.

Collecting is FUN!
Researching is FUN!!
Sharing is FUN!!!

It's time to be planning for that exhibit for the 25th convention of TNA in Corpus Christi on April 14-15-16, 1983!

from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1982			2,675.23
RECEIPTS:			
Sale of 1982 Medals		107.37	
TNA NEWS Ads		304.00	
TNA Dues		168.00	579.37
			3,254.60
DISBURSEMENTS:			
TNA NEWS Editor - July travel allowance and June petty cash			233.91
TNA Secretary - June payment			150.00
Abel Stationers - Minutes book			25.65
Banner Printing Company			1,379.59
June issue - 1275 copies	1,148.75		
Handling	75.00		
Postage	147.28		
Rubber Stamp	8.56		
Edgar's Coin Shop - Refund due on 1981 Convention table		100.00	1,889.15
			1,365.45
Balance on hand as of July 31, 1982			1,365.45
* Operating Funds			1,259.56 *
* Encumbered Funds			105.89 *

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except for the purposes for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Memorial Library Fund as of July 31, 1982	105.89
TNA Life Membership Savings Account as of July 31, 1982	4,970.40
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of July 31, 1982	4,036.50
Certificate of Deposit as of July 31, 1982	1,683.78
TOTAL ASSETS	12,056.13

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 18-19

ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, 3rd annual show. Harvey Hall, Tyler. WRITE: T.J. Bennington, P.O. Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

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SEPTEMBER 19

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 15th annual show, Bee County College Student Center. WRITE: Club, Box 209, Beeville 78102

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SEPTEMBER 25-26

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Quality Inn South. WRITE: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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OCTOBER 16-17

AMARILLO COIN CLUB Show, Civic Center. BOURSE: Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106 806 355-1702.

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OCTOBER 16-17

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Exposition Hall, Corpus Christi. WRITE: Club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415

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OCTOBER 23 - 24

TEXOMALAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Hotel Denison. WRITE: Club, Box 854, Denison, TX. 75020

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OCTOBER 30 - 31

GATEWAY COIN CLUB & TEX COIN CLUB, Ramada Inn, 333 N.W. Loop 410, San Pedro Exit, San Antonio. WRITE: E.L. "Bob" Bills, Box 4, Pontotoc, TX. 76869, 915 251-2031

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NOVEMBER 5-7

SPANISH TRAIL COLLECTOR'S CLUB, coin, banknote & stamp show, Mid City Holiday Inn, 4800 Gateway East, El Paso. WRITE: Frank Fox, 8108 Newland Ct., El Paso 79907

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NOVEMBER 12-14

NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL COIN EXPOSITION, Dunfey Dallas Hotel. Sponsored by NI, IBNS, SAN. WRITE: Charles Muchmore Jr., Box 6094, Richardson 75080.

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NOVEMBER 27 - 28

PASADENA COIN CLUB, 21st annual show, Ramada Inn, Hobby Airport, 7777 Airport Blvd., Houston. WRITE: Ken's Coin Shop, 435 El Dorado Blvd. Suite 12, Webster 77598. 713/488-1960

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FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1983 - April 14-16, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Corpus Christi. Billy Tate, General Chairman. BOURSE: John Face, Box 8593, Corpus Christi 78412

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1984 - May 4-6, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Amarillo.

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1985 - April 16-20, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, El Paso.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I—

Morse Ross gave a program on mint errors at one of the July **Stephenville Coin Club** meetings held at Red Bandana Steak House. Ross discussed the ways each class of error is caused or produced. Evan Gale, at another meeting, talked on Hard Time tokens and described them as some political and some economic, such as Store Cards.

Morris Johnson
Governor

Renee Murray was elected to serve as Junior Director and Phil Davis conducted a 72-lot auction. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V—

Ed Bentley, manager of four Sanger Harris Coin Shops, discussed the beginning of paper money and the first coins used in commercial trade at the July meeting of **Garland Coin Club**. He illustrated these points by explaining how hard money was replaced by paper dollars, which have lost their value through the years. He said a paper dollar in 1933 was worth one dollar, but today it is worth only six cents. Bentley also discussed grading of coins.

Barney Welch
Governor

Club members approved a motion to order ten each of the uncirculated and proof Washington commemorative half dollars to be used as prizes. They also voted to donate books to Garland Nicholson Memorial Library. Bob Barsanti was voted into the club and Renate Moore won the door prize. - **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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Members of **Dallas Coin Club** heard a talk by Ben Hong at the meeting held in July at Holiday Inn Central. Hong talked on "Experiences in Collecting Local Monies." He started collecting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa by going through rolls of coins. By doing this he was able to put together almost complete sets of Walking Liberty halves and Mecury dimes. He continued this procedure when he was transferred to Dallas and then to Alaska, where he collected Alaska tokens. During his trips overseas to Spain, the Canary Islands, Chile and Jordan he would collect the local stamps, notes and coins.

Winning the door prize was Marilyn Cowardin. - **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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The 4th annual Numismatics International Coin Exposition (NICE) will

get under way Nov 12-14 at Dunfey Dallas Hotel, according to Charles Muchmore Jr., general chairman. Sponsoring organizations are **Numismatics International of Dallas, International Bank Note Society** and **Society for Ancient Numismatics**.

Eighty two dealers in ancient and modern world coins and paper money will be attending. The auction will be under the direction of William M. Rosenblum of Evergreen, Colo. Included in plans are competitive exhibits and educational forums.

For additional information contact Muchmore, Box 6094, Richardson 75080.

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DISTRICT VI—

Al Loja
Governor

Numismatics is alive and flourishing for **Bellaire Coin Club**, according to a club spokesman, and active membership now stands at 62.

During July, members were putting final touches on the annual coin show Aug. 7-8 at the Community Center.

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Gerald Kendall was appointed as vice president of **Greater Houston Coin Club** and one of the duties is to be in charge of programs. Appointed to assist Kendall was a program committee consisting of James Pettitt Jr., chairman, Tina Brundle and Terry Burke. Bill Mark volunteered to be the club's refreshments chairman.

Larry Hample was elected into membership and re-instated were Tom Windsheimer and Bill Chase. - **Club Bulletin**.

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DISTRICT VII—

Frank Galindo
Governor

"Love Tokens" - an ANA slide program - was shown at the July 8 meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. The tokens are coins which have had one side initialed or engraved with a short message, changing the coin to a special keepsake or "love token."

Another slide program "Types of Commemorative Half Dollars" was shown at the July 22 meeting. The slides included the varied, unique and often exceptionally beautiful designs on both obverse and reverse. - **Club Bulletin**.

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The **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio and **TEX Coin Club**, a statewide organization, will join to promote numismatics in San Antonio during a coin show Oct. 30-31 at Ramada Inn, 333 N.W. Loop 410, San Pedro Exit.

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DISTRICT MEET — (Cont from pg 19)

DISTRICT IX—

D.O Joplin
Governor

Shane Cook of Security Protection Systems gave a program on residential security systems at the July meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock.

An auction of 36 lots was conducted by Jim Hall. Twenty two members and guests attended. - **Joy Chauncey, Sec.**

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Hansen Ling discussed whizzed and repaired coins at the July meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield.

The six members attending discussed ways and means to increase attendance. D.O. Joplin announced that Robin Blake, former member of Levelland Boys Club, would be a participant in the Professional Fights at Lubbock Civic Center on Aug. 6 and invited members to attend. Larry Sanderson said that Sadie Jo Tyler was much improved after illness. - **D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XV—

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Ways to get members to attend summer meetings was the main topic during the business session of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**'s recent meeting. Glen Dowden presided.

Dowden gave a program on "Forty-Precent Silver U.S. Coins" and showed examples.

George May led the auction and door prizes went to Kaye Brown, Joseph Scott, Lisa Stein, John Brown Jr., Buck Dowden, Glen Dowden, John Brown and May. - **William H. Stein, Sec.**

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The July meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held at Orange Community Center with Doug Hales, 1st vice president, presiding.

Everyone seemed to be pleased with the outcome of the June coin show and the Orange House Inn has been reserved for the last weekend in June for the 1983 show.

Hales gave a program on the large cent which was first struck in 1793 but because of the rising price of copper, the cost to produce the individual cent soon rose to more than its face value, so it was discontinued.

Door prize winners were Clyde McKee, Lucy Canter, Becky Scott and Dewey Scott. - **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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Last minute details were being taken care of for the Sept. 11-12 coin show hosted by **Beaumont Coin Club** during the June, July and August meetings. The show was to be held at Beaumont Civic Center.

Jim Eldridge presented a program with a topic of "How Much Does It Matter How Much It Is Worth?" Jim pointed out the difference between coin collectors and investors. In some cases, investors have caused the monetary value of coins to skyrocket out of the reach of collectors.

Winning door prizes were Carol Mounier, John Brown and Buck Dowden. - **Club Bulletin**

MEXICAN EMPIRE —

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This Order of Guadalupe had a rather hazardous life. Established by Iturbide as we have seen, was discontinued with his Empire. It was later reinstated by Gral. Santa Anna and was also discontinued when his regime fell in disgrace. It was reinstated again by Maximiliano and discontinued with his Empire, this time finally. It has never been reinstated again since.

The newly-born country still had a long ways to go. Fernando VII did not accept the crown of the Mexican Empire and Spain did not approve the Cordoba Treaty signed by O'Donoju as her representative. What then was to be done? People began talking again of having Iturbide as emperor; others objected. Others wanted a republic.

Next month, conclusion..

COIN PHOTOGRAPHY —

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might lower the quality of the print. The loss of quality is very, very slight, however.

The major disadvantage is that when extention tubes are attached the light meter in the camera can not be used, and a hand meter will be necessary. For the novice, I would recommend starting with the close-up rings, and then later experimenting with the extension tubes.

There are two other ways - using bellows or a specially designed close-up lens - known as a macro lens. However, both of these are more expensive than extension tubes, or close-up lenses. For example, a macro lens can cost considerably more than a camera, and is a fairly specialized piece of equipment. It does however, give excellent results.

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THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN —

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struck in billon (low-grade silver) and are worth around $25 in VF condition.

The ruling line started by Constantius Chlorus I consisted of Constantine the Great, Crispus, Constantine II, Constantius II, Constans, Constantine Gallus and Julian II. The line came to an end June 26, 363 A.D.

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April 19, 1982 marked the 200th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Netherlands. On that date in 1782, John Adams, later to become President of the U.S., was admitted as Minister Plenipotentiary (diplomatic representative) of the new American republic to the then two centuries old Dutch Republic.

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